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Nel Volume intitolato – Prose diverse dell' abate Giuseppe Bini (Manoscritto in folio segnato al N°. XXXV, nell'Archivio Capitolare di Udine) stanno due lettere del Signor Enrico Altani (Portogruaro 9 luglio e 24 agosto 1711) nelle quali questi dimostra che le Lettere di Seneca a S. Paolo, annotate dal Bini, erano apocrife. – Il Bini con due lunghe e dotte risposte (Varmo 18 luglio e 30 agosto 1711) dopo aver cercato di ribattere in qualche modo le prove addotte dall' Altani della falsità delle Lettere di Seneca, alla fine si confessa vinto.

NB = Seneca fu Console alla seconda metà dell'Anno 57, come da recenti scoperte (1874)

Paraphrasticæ Parentheses, seu Sacra

In aureas sanè Pauli ad Senecam et Senecæ ad Paulum Epistolas Hypomnemata

Josephi Bini.

D. Hieronymus in Catalogo Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum, D. Lucio Anneo Seneca.

Lucius Anneus Seneca Cordubensis Sotionis Stoici Discipulus, et Patruus Lucani Poetę, continentissimę uitę fuit, quem non ponerem in Catalogo Sanctorum, nisi me illę Epistolę prouocarent, quę leguntur à plurimis, Pauli ad Senecam, et Senecę ad Paulum. In quibus cum esset Neronis Magister, et illius temporis potentissimus, optare se dicit eius esse loci apud suos, cuius sit Paulus apud Christianos. Hic antè biennium quam Petrus, et Paulus coronarentur martyrio à Nerone interfectus est.

Isagoge.

Ex multis, ut per rerum non semper continuatam seriem, quam nunc deprehendimus, Epistolis, quas Paulum Senecæ, Paulo Senecam scripsisse comperimus, quatuordecim supersunt: breve quidem, sed validum sane ad tantorum hominum necessitudinem comprobandam argumentum. Atque utique, ni contra Mæcenatis cuiuspiam authoritas Mensæ Deo, et Christianæ ~~[illegible]~~ grata nitatur, peribunt; quæ utpote deplorabilis jactura, nullius subsidio reparata, in grave bonæ famæ, quæ de Neronis institutore Senecâ viget adhuc censura, erudito cuique, et de litteris merito vitio, et culpæ vertetur. Quid ergo? Mihi licet de pluribus minimo, de Sacræ tamen eruditionis utilitate, ut par est, optime sentienti, nedum Epistolas easdem solicito stylo per novas tabulas rursus subsecuturo quo tradere; verum additâ inelegante, fateor, sed non utique inopportunâ elucubratione, in editione injuriosâ, quæ irrepserant menda, apposita diligentiâ sensui meliori reddere, abstrusasque

quoad datum fuit, sententias elucidare; quin etiam utilitati meæ, aliorumque progressui studendo Notas et ut a clausulâ Epistolarum contextui interiectâ, quâ etiam remota sensus earumdem integer manet Parentheses nunc[illegible], adjicere operæ pretium fuit. Hypomnematum nomen apposui, a Græco ἀπομνημα, quod Latine interpretationem, et commentarium sonat. Eo ipso usus est vocabulo Cicero aiens, Multum mihi eripitur operæ in exscribendis Hypomnematis. Quæ omnia signis benigni, iustiq pendeat animi, huic ingenij mei, quamvis non ingeniosum laborem, fove ut æqui, boniq faciat, minime diffido.

Harum autem Epistolarum i, vi, et vii nuntiatoriæ sunt: ii et ix excusatoriæ: iii, iv, v, x, et xi officiosæ: viii; xiii, et xiv monitoriæ; et xii est laudatoria.

Epistolę Senecę ad Paulum, et Pauli ad Senecam.

Epistola p.ma

Seneca Paulo S.

Credo tibi, Paule, nunciatum esse, quod heri cum Lucilio nostro de apocryphis, et aliis rebus sermonem habuimus. (2) Erant enim quidam disciplinarum tuarum comites nobiscum. Nam in hortos Sallustianos secesseramus, quo in loco occasione nostri alio tendentes, hi, de quibus dixi, visis nobis adiuncti sunt. Certe tui presentiam optavimus. Et hoc scias volo, libello tuo lecto, idest (3) cum legissemus de plurimis aliquas Epistolas, quas ad aliquam Civitatem, seu caput Provincię direxisti, mirâ exhortatione vitam mortalem continentes, usque refecti sumus. (4) Quos sensus non

puto ex te ditos, sed per te certe aliquando ex te, et per te. Tanta enim Maiestas earum est verum, tantas generositate clarent, ut vix sufficientibus putem aetates hominum, quibus instrui, perficique possint.
(5) Bene te valere Frater cupio. [illegible]

In Epistolam Primam Parentheses.

(1) Cum Lucilio nostro] [illegible] nemo est [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nimee [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Constantem [illegible]
[illegible] et [illegible]
[illegible] et [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] immeminaw [illegible]
minari [illegible] eiem [illegible] dicatur. [illegible]
[illegible] nostrum [illegible]
et [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
enim [illegible]
[illegible] et [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

(2) [illegible] enim [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] ut as[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
consona [illegible] edite [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
ut [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
insklavent
nam in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible]: jam enim [illegible] non [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] et [illegible] ut [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] sunt.

(B) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] caput [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] sunt ordine [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] anno [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] ann: 153, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] anno
57 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ann. 58 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] anno 60
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 20 [illegible]
[illegible] et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] mortem [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] omnes et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

5/ [illegible] non [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] et [illegible] et donum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quod ita [illegible] [illegible] tanta [illegible] [illegible] non [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] certe [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] certe [illegible] et [illegible] cum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] et [illegible] [illegible] imo et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ab omnibus nobis [illegible]

[illegible] Quod [illegible] non ex te [illegible] [illegible] in te [illegible] [illegible]. Per te, et ex te [illegible], [illegible] tuam [illegible] [illegible] nostrimus. [illegible] modi [illegible] cognoscimus, ex te [illegible] [illegible].

6. Bene se habere fratres [illegible] amicitiae proximum, et [illegible] [illegible] conveniam accomodatum. [illegible] maxime [illegible], et intima [illegible] et rerum communicatio indicatur. [illegible] enim Philosopho teste (a) amicitia est nam sunt [illegible], et [illegible] communia [illegible] Fratres [illegible] [illegible] appellatur. Secundum enim justitiae officium est hominem agnoscere et [illegible] Deus fecit, ex universos ad [illegible] vitamque aeternam pari conditione

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(a) Ethic. [illegible]

conditione vendravit fraternā nos necessitudine
cohærentibus quam æternum amorem [illegible].
Fratrem autem proprietatem a [illegible]
nomine dari. Frater est, inquit, [illegible]
alter.

Senecę Paulus S.

Epistola II.

Litteras tuas hilaris heri accepi, ad quas
rescribere statim potui, si præsentiam
iuvenis quem ad te eram missurus ha-
buissem. Scis enim quando, et per
quem, et quo tempore, et cui quid
dari committique debeat. Rogo ergo
ne putes te neglectum, dum personæ
qualitatem respicio. Sed quod
litteris meis hos bene acceptos alicubi
scribis, felicem me arbitror tanti

– Non. [illegible] ubi Fratrum.

nisi indicio. Nos enim hoc dicere
Censor, sophista, Magister tanti Prin-
cipis, etiam omnium, nisi quia
vero dicis. Ergo te diu bene valere.

Parenthesis.

Excusatoriae Epistolae rite conformatae est haec
Pauli ad Andream, qua eius benevolentiam in primis
idoneis rationibus captando, affert inde solidum
satis argumentum ad diluendam nimiae morae notam
quae sibi ipsi inuri poterat. Tandem peropportune
grates agit Deo a tanto Viro, vera praestantem dicente
non damni videri. Hic obiter noto ne aliis
inniterer, et omnibus omnia nota haud videntur,
non suppetere ab Andrea, et Paulo in scriptis
exposita, sed verborum ambages saepe sensus occultant.
Quis etenim Authoribus iisdem exceptis haec
intelligat? Quis enim quando et per quem, et
quo tempore, et cui quid dari, committi, doceat?

Circumstantiae

Circumstantes, ideo temporis, dantis, et dati, datā [illegible] suspendis index [illegible] occultiora quaedam [illegible] inter ipsos intercedebant, [illegible] crimini [illegible], hominis detrimento [illegible] afferrent.

Seneca Paulo s.

Epist iii.

Quaedam volumina ordinavi, et divisionibus suis statum eis dedi.
Ea Caesari legere sum destinatus,
et si modo sors prospere annuerit, ut novas aures afferat eris
forsitan et tu praesens: sin aliter
reddam tibi diem, ut invicem hoc opus inspiciamus, et possim non edere hanc scripturam, nisi prius tecum conferam, si modo impune hoc fieri potuisset, ut scires, et te non praeteriri. Vale Paule charissime.

Parentis

j ci modo vro orosecre annuerit ut nouas aures
afferat eris forsitan, et fu oresens.] Ostensa
iudeorum acerrimam perfidiam, Lisiq. Tribuni crudeli
sententiam, hyemis, nauigationis, naufragii pericula,
Paulus cum Centurione, Pontificatus Petri ann. XV.
imperii Neronis iii. Urbem ingressus fuerat ubi (a)
cum custodiente se milite manere permissus
biennio toto in suo conducto moratus est praedicans
regnum Dei, suscipiens omnes, qui ingrediebantur
ad eum suorum unus utique Seneca fuit, qui cum
plurimum apud Neronem polleret forte potentiae
causa author fuit, ut se doceret, quae sunt de
Domino Iesu Christo cum omni fiducia sine
prohibitione. Hac autem Epistolam scribit ar
annecus, [illegible] omnem operam praestiterim, [illegible]
ut Apostolus non tantum hoc in Urbe doceret,
et praedicaret, verum etiam ut coram Caesare
stare permitteretur. Et Seramina quaedam vitae
ordinata et divisa Neroni legenda, et optimis
moribus prorsum dutio efformandis accommodata

a Act. Ap. ult. c. vi.

ut

ut omnia ... sunt ... audire. Amicitiae et ... optimae stimulo ... movebatur ad beneficia ... quisse, ut ait Aristoteles (a) nam ... virtutem ... sunt beneficere mutuo procurant. Hoc enim virtutis est et amicitiae. Porro ex iis ... ut novas aures afferat non ... Apostolo non ... imposturi ... idem ... ; qui enim novas ... aures illaturus, ... etiam attulisse ... est.

(2) Ut ... hoc opus ... ex ... nonnisi optimus liber ... dandus est ... non ... communicet exponit: et nonnisi Christianae doctrinae proximum ut ... inanes disputationes ... indicetur, ... Apostolus ... ; et fortasse fuit de quatuor virtutibus ... de formula ...

(a) ethic. l. 8.

nomini dicatus, Principi quidem [illegible] Ferdinando; ipsum enim opusculum [illegible] olet, sed sententiis et artificio compositis, ut iram Tyranni minime provocent, imo infusa sensim incognita dulcedine in meliorem frugem convertant. An autem asseverit [illegible], non ausim judicium proferre: Hoc utique [illegible] valde utiles [illegible] nullo modo latuerint ni [illegible] ex aureis [illegible] excidissent.

[illegible]

Caput .V.

[illegible]
[illegible]
Existimo enim omni [illegible]
[illegible] Cum [illegible]
[illegible] nos
in proximo [illegible]
ac valde [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

* [illegible] *

[illegible] tamenquam [illegible] [illegible] intemet [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] et [illegible] et [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nationatio Domini [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] animum tuo ansimus [illegible]] Dixeram

Comi[illegible] [illegible] dem [illegible] resolventur, [illegible]
[illegible] tamen [illegible] regulam
qua [illegible] [illegible] adeo [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] sed [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] tamen pro [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] pro [illegible] Orationi [illegible]
[illegible] non [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] est [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] non [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] omni [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] animum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a, nihil enim tam est amicorum, quam simul
uiuere. nam utilitatem [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at simul uiuere [illegible] [illegible] his enim minime
conuenit [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] qui in tranquillo [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] uirtute [illegible] uita [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] ne [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] aduersis animum [illegible] non
[illegible] [illegible] 2° [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] amicis [illegible]
[illegible] tandem [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] enim a [illegible] [illegible] omnia
[illegible] [illegible] amicos non [illegible] [illegible]

maximum

a. Arist. Ethic. 8. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

maximum videtur externorum bonorum (a). Sine
amicis enim nemo eligeret vivere, licet cetera
possideret omnia bona: quippe ni solitudine
molesta esset vita, potius ad societatem nata.
Praeter quod fortasse absurdum est, eum, qui
voluerit beatum esse, etiam virtute comune
[illegible] Ciceronis (b) [illegible] contenta
sit virtus ad beate vivendum, toleretur porro
sine amicis, qui virtutem [illegible],
[illegible] requirit, nam amicitia ipsa est virtus
quaedam est. Quinimo ad beatam vitam per-
ficiendam virtutem solam non sufficere praeter
Platonem Aristotelem Philosophorum lumina
Academici omnes et Peripatetici cum [illegible]
contra Stoicos, Xenocratem, Arcesilaum, Antiochum
et Speusippum uno ore statuunt. Verum utcumque
sit, si virtus sufficit, amicitia requiritur, quae
virtus est, ut supra dictum; si non sufficit,
amici etiam requiruntur qui sunt externorum

(a) Arist. Eth. l. 8. (b) Paradox. ult. (c) Ar. Eth. l. 8

bonorum optima [illegible] sapientie [illegible] Pauli anxius, [illegible] consueebat [illegible] amico absente solitum esse.

(2) Si ordinatio Domini [illegible] edita [illegible] et [illegible] ut ratione factum non [illegible] hoc existimetur [illegible] ratione [illegible] auditur sine [illegible] dubitatur [illegible] ratione ~~ratione~~ factum non [illegible] nouamq sit amplexus [illegible] [illegible] a Paulo [illegible] Hieronymus [illegible] et [illegible] admonebat [illegible] Quomodo [illegible] [illegible] opinionem probando, nisi evidenti ratione [illegible]

s. animum

quinimum exosa fuerit Paganis, vel doctis Catholicorum fides. Cui confirmando unus pro omnibus sufficiat Tacitus, qui Religionem ipsam, exitiabilem superstitionem, eiusq. Professores per flagitia invisos appellat. Atq. hanc ob causam Annaeus Neronis benevolentiae studiosus pro uno ex Christianis reor [illegible] nomen [illegible] odio Neroni fuerat [illegible] nisi ipsi pro optima causa, nedum pro optimo Cliente Patronum agere, compertum fuisset.

Senecae et Lucilio Paulus S.

Ep. VI.

(5) De his quae mihi scripsistis non licet arundine et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] intervenire [illegible] [illegible], et in nobis [illegible]

intelligant in Homine assensus est
rudibus tanto magis quanto nil
quando occasionem dotant, et nisi
si patientiam demus omnimodo
eos quaqua parte ... in ... si
modo hi sint, qui poenitentiam
sui gerant. Bene valete

Parenthesis

[i] De his, utrum ... [illegible] non fuit animadverso
et avertento eloquit est. Responsum est ad
epistola, sed quia Lucilii et Senecae literae, ad quas
respondetur non extant, ideo quaenam res notatae
et signatae quaenam sint evidenter ostendere obscurum
est ... [illegible] ... in libertate ... [illegible]
unde, si ex nimium obscuris ... aliquid licet conjicere:
cum suspectum de ... fuerit sermo fuerit inter
apud Paulum et in Senecae familiaribus existentes,
Apostolum doctrinam ... [illegible] ...

intelligant

intelligerant.

(22) Honor, [illegible] est omnibus tanto magis quanto indignandi occasionem castant. Optimum istiq morale [illegible] documentum est istud, quo significatur, aliorum iracundiæ, ex qua solent non pauca mala, et flagitia oriri, parcendum fore et ab aliorum irâ declinandum, ut omnia prospero fini per quietem reddantur. Honore à Rebecca Matri [illegible], et Esau fratris furore excitato, Jacob Paternâ benedictione fortunatus ad Laban avunculum recedens sibi, posterisq suis consuluit. Ab iniqui Herodis[b] irâ evolvit[?] recedit mitissimus Jesus, Angelico [illegible] nuncio, et honore iniquo [illegible] [illegible] adhibito tyrannicum gladium evadens, castigam [illegible] [illegible] sanguinem. Pinnisus[?] infans evasit[c]. His non dissonat illud Ecclesiastici[d]: Cum iracundo non facias rixam, et cum audace non eas in desertum quoniam quasi nihil est ante illum sanguis et ubi non est adiutorium elidet te.

(a) Genes 27. (b) Math. 2 (c) cap. 9.

3.° Quis si patientiam demus omnimodo ex quacunque parte vincemus. Debet n. patienter temporis moram feremus cui sed succedere ex nostra ratione uberiores fructi tempore quo subter lumenq necessitatis est, omnino vincentur. Quam autem semper ponderis patientia fuerit ad dominum nobrem Christum deserverit, exemplis platis iuvem probant. Patientissimus n. terra et cognationibus sua, domoq patris exilium patienter tulit Abraham, cui quapropter de se Divinum prenuncians oraculum audivit: In te benedicentur omnes cognationes terræ. de loco non est quod meminerim. patientiam finem Ecclesiasticus ostendit cum ait usq in tempus sustinebit patiens, et postea redditio iucunditatis. Caterum per patientiam nedum adversariorum audacia minime flectitur sed impatientes se ipse sæpius per superbos animadversum est impatientia valentibus Hebræorum ex Ægypto fugientium populus brevi dolore in deserto factus murmurat in Dominum [illegible]

[illegible]

accensus in eos igni Domini devoravit extremam
Castrorum partem. Nec tanto supplicio turbae
deterruit; rursum impatientes (a) Moysi et
Aaron adversi, imprudenti decreto, posthabitâ
Josue et Caleb religiosâ querelâ et consilio, novum
sibi Ducem, quo in Egyptum remigrarent, prae-
ficere contendunt; sed de Ducibus, Moysis precibus
poenâ forte attenuatâ, superno supplicium sumptum.
quippe nullus eorum, qui impatientes fuerant, ter-
ram, pro qua Judaeorum Patribus Deus juraverat
intueri potuit. Tertiò pariter in impatientes actum;
cum ex ipsomet populo quamplures ignitorum
Serpentum morsibus excidere. Patientia igitur,
ex Apostolo, necessaria est, ut reportentur repro-
missiones.

(4) Si modò ii sunt, qui poenitentiam sua-
serant. Expertus hoc Parens loquebatur
sic enim patientiâ datâ, captâque loci, et
temporis opportunitate; quamplurimos, ponis

(a) Num. 14.

-cet, et commodis terrenis adhaeserent, superavit, et ab recto itinere devios in salutarem viam revocavit; atque ab aula ipsa imperiali, ipsoque principis sinu plurimos aulae caelesti restituit. Deo taliter peperit Torpetem magnum in officio Neronis primum ex eisque unum, de quibus ipse ad Philippenses scribit: (a) Salutant vos omnes sancti, maxime autem qui de Caesaris domo sunt. Inde vero Pisis pro Christo Satellici iussu, alapis caesus, verberibus cruciatus, feris nequicquam obiectus, tandem capite plexus Martyrium iii Kal. Maias consummavit, et inter Divos relatus, peculiari festo xvi Kal. Jun. donatur. Quid demum patientiae et poenitentiae illustrandae nobilius Poppaeae Sabinae exemplo dicam? Hanc T. Ollio Patre genitam (b) et illustri adhuc memoria Poppaei Sabini Consularis, et triumphali decore fulgentis insignem, gloria generis opum, formae, cuius ibi meminit Tragicus (c)

(a) cap. 4 (b) Tacit. Annal. lib. 13 (c) Ter. Oct. act. 4. Vide

— Vidit attonitus tuam
Formam Senatus, thura cum superis dares,
Sacrasque grato spargeres aras mero
Velata summum flammeo tenui caput etc.

sermone comi, nec absurdo ingenio celebrem, Neronis delicias, Octaviaeque, vel Principe non annuente (a) per mihi tum nobis victricem, hanc, inquam, Paulus praedicantem patiens Christianae fidei addidisse perhibent (b), quam deinde Nero haud fortasse conversionis inscius, fortuita quippe iracundia inflammatus gravidam ictu calcis afflixit, eiusque corpus (c) non igni abolitum Romanorum more, sed externorum Regum consuetudine (forte ut mutatio Religionis notaretur) differtum odoribus conditum fuit. Non dissimili virtute, Paulo auspice, Sergius Paulus Proconsul, Pudens Senator cum filiis Novato, et Timotheo, et filiabus Pudentiana, et Praxede Baptismali lavacro regenerati sunt. Optime ergo Jacobus Apostolus (d) duodecim

(a) Tacit. annal. l. 14 (b) Chrisost. in Act. Ap. Homil. 54.
(c) Tac. annal. l. 14 (d) ...

Tribubus in dispersione scripsit, quod probatio Fidei patientiam operatur, patientia autem opus perfectum habet;

Annaeus Seneca Paulo, et (1) Theophilo S.
Ep. vii.

(2) Profiteor bene me acceptum in lectione literarum tuarum, quas Galatis, Corinthijs, et Achaeis misisti. Et ita invicem vivamus (3) ut etiam cum honore divino eas exhibeamus. (4) Spiritus enim Sanctus in te excelsior, et sublimior, et super te excelsos et sublimiores satis venerabiles sensus exprimit. (5) Vellem itaque cum res eximias proferas, ut maiestati earum cultus sermonis non desit. Et ne quid tibi, Frater surripiam, aut conscientiae meae debeam

(6) Confiteor

(6) Confiteor Augustum sensibus tuis permotum, cui lecto Virtutis initio exordio ista vox fuit. Mirari eum sic posse loqui, ut qui non legitimè imbutus sit taliter sentiat. Cui ego respondi (7) solere Deos ore innocentium effari, aut eorum, qui prævaricari doctrinâ quidem sua possunt, et dato ei exemplo Vatticani hominis rusticuli, cui cum duo viri apparuissent in agro Reatino, qui posteà Castor, et Pollux sunt nominati, satis instructus videtur. Vale.

Parenth:

(1) et Theophilo ~~~ Præcedentem Epistolam Senecæ, amicoque eius Lucilio miserat Paulus, hanc Paulo amicoque eius Theophilo mittit Seneca. Siquidem Theophilus, de quo in salutatione meminit Author, amicitiæ nexu Apostolo coniunctus fuisse

nutandus est. quod sic probari potest, licet in nullâ ex Apostolicis Epistolis istius nomen, aut gesta inspiciantur, ex eo quod scilicet Lucæ cognitus fuerit. Quippe Lucas à Paulo in Evangelio genitus ipsius valdè amicus fuit; nam ipsum Apostolus Medicum charissimum (a), et cum Marco Aristarcho, et Demade adjutorem sui (b) nominat, imò aliquando cum Paulo (c) peregrinationis comes ordinatus ab Ecclesijs (d) et aliquando (e) solus cum Paulo degens. Statutâ ergo Lucæ, et Apostoli necessitudine, fatendum est, si ille amicus Theophili fuerat, quod pro certo habeo, ipsi enim Evangelij et Actorum libros inscripserat, etiam Pauli amicum fuisse. Recte ideò Epistolam hanc Paulo et Theophilo Amici Amico misit. Quis autem, et qualis hic fuerit, argumentatur Dionysius Carthusianus (f), cujus dicta renovando brevitatis causâ non refero. Verumtamen indubium non ausim

(a) ad Colos. 4 (b) Ad Philem. (c) Act. 16 (d) 2. Cor. 8. (e) 2. Tim. 4 (f) in Enar. in Evang. Luc. art. 2.

apparere Typographi incuriâ lapsu temporis Ortographiæ vitium non invaluisse; videlicet pro Timotheo, Theophilum. Porro certum est Timotheum Paulo amicum fuisse, quam Theophilum. Tamen quicquid sit, duobus iunctim amicis ipsamet Epistola inscripta dignoscitur.

(b) Profiteor bene me acceptum in lectione litterarum tuarum, quas Galatis, Corinthijs, et Achæis misisti] Alterum habet præsens Epistola de Senecæ recta conscientiâ argumentum. Non enim nisi Divino assistante Lumine de Spiritu Sancto mentio fieri, et Christianis documentis Divinus honor adhiberi potest. Epistolæ autem Apostolicæ de quibus hic secundario dicendi locus ad septem scripsit Ecclesias Paulus: nempe ad Romanos unam, ad Corinthios duas, ad Galatas unam, ad Ephesios unam, ad Philippenses unam, ad Colossenses unam, ad Thessalonicenses duas: Prætera ad Discipulos suos, Timotheum duas, Titum unam, eos

(a) Hieron. ad Paulin. (53) in catal. script. eccl.

instruendo, et ad Philemonem unam pro fugitivo famulo deprecando; octava verò ad Hebraeos à plerisque extra numerum ponitur, sed propter styli sermonisque diversitatem vel Barnabae juxta Tertullianum, vel Lucae Evangelistae juxta aliorum sententiam, vel Clementis Romanae Ecclesiae postea Episcopi vel ipsi etiam Paulo tribuitur; ut enim conjiciebat Hieronymus, ideo ab aliis in elocutione differt, quod ab Hebraeo in Graecum, inde in Latinum versa fuerit. Epistola autem Laodicensibus inscripta ab omnibus exploditur. Caeterum eos titulus ad Galatas et Corinthios sed de literis ad Hebraeos mutuis, quos diximus. Inter eas omnes hoc nomine comprehendo, [illegible] Civitatem mittuntur. [illegible] [illegible]: nam in Homero [illegible] habemus: Pallas autem Dea [illegible] respondit ab aliis [illegible] in [illegible] castra [illegible] et [illegible] esse propugnaculum [illegible] et [illegible] ex versione Raphaelis Volaterrani et Ausonius (c).

(a) [illegible] (c) [illegible]

Iram Diva refer nati Peleos Achillei
Pestiferam, quae mihi dedit discrimina Achivis
et alibi.
Interea vigilum excubiis cohibentur Achivi
nec desunt in Graecis exempla (d)
Aut hoc inclusi ligno occultantur Achivi
et alibi.
Ecce autem telis Panthus elapsus Achivum.
Sed quid plura congero? Iam indubium est Achivum
eundem esse ac Graecum. Epistolae autem Pauli
ad Graecos missae sunt quarum titulus ad Ephesios
et Philippenses; Ephesus enim Ioniae et Philippi
Thessaliae Graecarum Regionum Urbes fuere (d).
Binis ad Thessalonicenses inscriptis locum non do inter
praeditas Achaeas, nam hae ann. C. 52 et 53, ut
dixi, illae 59 et 60, scriptae longo temporis intervallo
distant ita ut seorsum eas separatim exponere
(Sit etiam cum honore divino eas exhibeamus)
idest in oculum deducamus, videndi, tangendi ro=

(d) in 10. g. ... Ephes. 1. Thucyd. in Proem. de bel. Pelop.

minibus facultatem præsentes, quod nonnisi cum magno fundamento dictum: exhibere enim est facere in publicum potestatem, ut ei qui agit, experiundi sit copia.

(4) Spiritus enim Sanctus in te excelsior est quam nos Ethnici. Non caret spiritu veritatis qui de Spiritu Sancto sic loquitur. Spiritum quippe veritatis (a) Veritas prædicat, quem Mundus non potest accipere, quia non videt eum, nec scit eum, vos autem cognoscetis eum, quia apud vos manebit, et in vobis erit. Profecto servus excelsus iste ex iis fuit, qui Hieronymum, ut Senecam Sanctis con-scriberet, permovit.

(5) Vellem itaque, cum res eximias proferas ut Maiestati earum cultus sermonis non desit. Non adhuc perfecte adeo ut terrestrem Philosophiam ita et Christianam sapientiam callebat Seneca, dum verum Maiestatem sermonis cultu exæquandam fore suadebat. Pro excelsa mysteria ventum pravius ... exceli

(a) ...

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] et [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] et [illegible]

[illegible]

— [illegible] nec [illegible] propter [illegible] est [illegible] mysteria [illegible] sapientia [illegible] et [illegible] et [illegible] est [illegible] et [illegible] [illegible] scriptura [illegible] numquam [illegible] conservante.

[illegible]

[illegible] IIII

[illegible] licet non ignorem [illegible]

nostrum [illegible]

[illegible] Math. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], permittes te non [illegible] [illegible]
moneri. Jubeo enim te [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in notitiam [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] vitae, et [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
enim [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] te non existimo. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] est, [illegible] non
in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Bene vale.

[illegible]

Parentn?

... quidem nostrum) ... erat
... Caesarem ... cum se potestati subd...
... fuerit ann. 58. Jerosolymis ... et ... appellans Romam Neronis in ... subjiciendus ... est.

(2) Permittes te non legi, sed ... neri. Nullo modo
amicum ... admonitio, immo nec Lex ...
... potest; ... sermones, cohor...
... consolationes, interdum etiam ... ationes
... maxime. ... enim in
... gratae sunt quae ... habent; nam ...
... maxime igitur ...
... et ... accidunt enim
tempora ... conveniat. Epistolae
... est ... Benevolentiam, qua persuaderi ..., Fidei Christianae incrementa
... poterant, ...

(3) Si est ... non ... abitur, si mulier est
offendet.] Huiusmodi ... quemque, Paul...
et Seneca ... latere, ... quia tamen

... Act. A... 22 ... ...

Cam intactam ommittere [illegible] ..est [illegible], unde
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], m. breviter notare
audeo. Hic igitur per me [illegible] esto. Si est
Regina; videlicet Si Neroni ista audienti astitevit
Regina Poppaea Sabina, ut fuit tunc temporis
Sorte ei [illegible] [illegible], ut dictum est, a Nerone
[illegible] [illegible] nupta, Principis ea iram movente non
indignabitur; Si est mulier, videlicet si astiterit
Octavia, mulieris nomine nuncupata eo quod
senili amore, et sterilitate objectis repudium ab
Nerone passa, e Germania Romam iterum revocata
fuerit, cui Tyranni infensum in Christianos odium,
sibi consulens instigante, Imperator [illegible]
Aliquis tamen flumine [illegible] [illegible] eruditus, et ver
lectionem [illegible], magis instructus, [illegible]
Locum genuina nota illustrabit, et germano sensui
restituet.

Cl. Viro Fabro

Epist. IX.

[i] Scio te non tui causa commotum
literis, quas ad te de editione Epistolarum

a Parenth. 4 vide C. (6) Jac. Annai [illegible] ... treanum

* 7. *

tuarum Cæsari feci, quam naturâ
rerum, quæ ita mentes hominum ab
omnibus artibus et moribus rectis
reuocat, ut non hodiè admirer:
cum, Quippe, ut is, qui multis docu-
mentis hoc iam notissimum habeam.
Igitur nouè agamus, si quid facilè
cum præteritis iam factum est,
ueniam irrogabis. Misi tibi librum
de uerborum copiâ. Vale Pau
charissime.

Faverón.

... te non tam tui causa commotum ... te ...
... ad ... ientem ... et ...
... optime ostendit ... non tam ...
... et Christianæ fidei propagandæ commotum ...
Epistolis ad ... Corinthios et Achæos ... quam
naturâ rerum, quæ ita mentes hominum ab omnibus
artibus, et moribus rectis reuocat, ut non hodiè
... admirari, sed iam diu perspexisse. Annectur ...
te ... Optima quæque et ... ...

utilia, Neroni Principes [illegible] [illegible] imperio [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] intentata [illegible] inde. Neronis malitia [illegible] generibus [illegible] [illegible] intemperantia, in maiorem in [illegible] [illegible]. Theatra et ipso Nerone [illegible] mentes, et flagitia [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tionibus [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cuncta perturbata. Sic tandem mentes hominum [illegible] ab omnibus [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] vinculis conservatur, et mores [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] bene in [illegible] [illegible] renovata. Cui loco non incongruum, quod auctor refert, nempe [illegible] extincta, [illegible] ob [illegible] templis decreta; quod ad eum finem, inquit [illegible] moravimus ut quicumque casus temporum illorum nobis et alijs auctoribus noscent, praesumptionem habeant [illegible] [illegible], et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tokens gratis [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

12 Quippe ut is, qui multis documentis hoc iam notissimum habeam. Non tam extrinsecus [illegible] erat Seneca, quam in seipso expertus, more in pravum deflexus, cum aliorum malevolentia sibi

[illegible] Annal. [illegible]

sibi, licet sapienti, Princi[illegible] institutor complura damna parata forent, et ideo haud segnius futurum fuisse, ut incolumitati propriæ qui consuleret, existimabat si moribus recto, et urbanitati intenderetur. Seniorum etenim sententiam primus sensit, dum cum Afranio Bu[illegible] a militaribus curis, et severitate morum illustri inter[illegible] iuventæ rector præceptis eloquentiæ, et comitate honestâ. [illegible] Principis ætatem, si virtutem despiceret, [illegible] concessis retineret: immò eam orationem, quam Anno ætatis Laudationi Claudii Nero recitavit [illegible] risu ex opere, licet [illegible] cum dictus differet, ut fuit illi viro ingenium amœnum, et temporis illius auribus accomodatum. [illegible] Agrippinæ [illegible] minas, et terrorem ante Britannici funera videntis [illegible] quinimmo eâ [illegible] Severo [illegible] et Cloarito Centurioni Classiaris Anicetum commitantibus [illegible], non iam [illegible] adverso rumore Nero, qui Neapoli receptus ad Senatum de materna morte scripserat, sed Seneca, quod oratione tali confessionem criminum Agrippinæ scripto edidisset, laudatur.

a Tac Ann [illegible] 13 (b) [illegible] Annal. lib 13 (c) Annal. l. 14

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Demum aliorum [illegible] criminationibus novis [illegible] stria [illegible] oranis offendentibus, quibus cum [illegible] scriberet epistolam fortasse non longe aber[illegible] distrahitur, et ut Pisonis socius, quod lege maiestatis crimen fuerat, a Neroniano secrete accusatur.

Paulus Senecae [illegible]

Epist [illegible]

[illegible]

* [illegible] *

[illegible]

[illegible] et [illegible] Porro Sixtus [illegible] Moste [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] omnibus omnia factus sum ut omnes facerem salvos. [illegible] clarius argumentum [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] appropinquat insipientibus, non [illegible] in se suscipiens et [illegible]

[illegible]

* [illegible] *

reret [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ex [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

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autem [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] nemo [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] responsa
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] voluntatis

a Jam [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 13 [illegible] 2. [illegible] 15.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] quam [illegible], ex[illegible] seu intér[illegible]tem [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] ἀπορία vox [illegible] est [illegible] dubitationem et indifferentiam sonat atque [illegible] [illegible] non [illegible] aporiamur [illegible] aporiamur, [illegible] et rerum [illegible] seu necessitate [illegible] [illegible] ἀπορῶ [illegible]

[illegible] 5 [illegible] dubitatio [illegible] denotatur [illegible] enim [illegible] mutuo [illegible] et [illegible] casibus [illegible] [illegible] est [illegible]

[illegible] vona [illegible] dicitur [illegible] dicendum seu [illegible]

[illegible] 13 [illegible] Bel. Gal.

[illegible] per annos sacramentum in nomine
[illegible] atq. Tiberio [illegible], nam se [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] responsum
[illegible] ad [illegible] retinuerent consilio
[illegible], vel [illegible] [illegible]
autem [illegible] semel [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] autem [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
consul et cum [illegible] Lentulo, sed post [illegible]
Senecae

[illegible] S.

Epist. XI.

Audivi [illegible] Paulus
me [illegible] contristari [illegible]
esse, quod [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] quod
tam [illegible] obnoxios nostrâne
omnia [illegible] [illegible] putans
a nostris [illegible] quicquid in illis contra=
rium sit. Sed (3) feramus æquo
animo et utamur foro, donec sa=
nita felicitas finem miseriis imponat.
Tulit, et priscorum ætas (4) Mace=
donem Philippi filium et post [illegible]
[illegible] nostra
[illegible] quibus [illegible]
[illegible] incendium
[illegible] Romana manifeste [illegible]
unde patiatur, constat [illegible]
taris humilitas humana potuisset
iam omnes omnia viderent. (9
Christiani, et [illegible] machinatores
[illegible] supplicio [illegible] solent. (10

[illegible]atur

transator iste [illegible] est [illegible]
carmina et mendacium [illegible]
tempori suo [illegible] estimatus est et [illegible]
[illegible] unam pro multis [illegible] est
[illegible]. Valet [illegible] pro omni-
bus [illegible] si [illegible]
[illegible] omnis [illegible] lex [illegible]
[illegible] causam dedit. Bene
[illegible] frater [illegible] Datum
[illegible] et [illegible]
[illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] tuas [illegible] non [illegible]
[illegible] sum [illegible]
[illegible] reverendissime erat Senecam qui summe
[illegible] coniungebatur multo
[illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] oravit (a) et [illegible] quam non concedebatur [illegible] ta [illegible] quas [illegible] consilium [illegible]

[illegible] Ea [illegible] ter [illegible] ingenium [illegible] ser [illegible] certum cui nomen (Cenicius [illegible]) paratum Imperatoris [illegible] sed frustra nam [illegible] et [illegible] omnis [illegible] dimoveri [illegible] [illegible] tolerans, quod [illegible] mediocre [illegible] argumentum [illegible]

(2) Putans a nobis [illegible] contrariam sit [illegible] Romanos Christianos, quos [illegible] flagitia [illegible] nomine [illegible] Tacitus ut [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] adversos omnium in Urbe malorum crimina [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] enterna [illegible] orant [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] gaudete et exultare quoniam merces vestra [illegible] est in [illegible] enim [illegible] [illegible] fuerunt ante vos [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ne [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] gaudete et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tollet a vobis [illegible] aequanimitatem [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Domini [illegible] [illegible] et [illegible] a) bona Domini.

[illegible] [illegible] quamvis toto [illegible] [illegible] mittat oportet eum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fortuna [illegible] animum accipientibus. [illegible] Proverbium [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cap. 13. [illegible] cap. 31.

monet [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] meruunt [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Princ[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] primum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] omni [illegible]
intellectus [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a Daniele [illegible] rex fortis et domi=
nabitur potestate multa [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Daniel [illegible] [illegible]
Alexandrum [illegible] et cum [illegible] [illegible] Quod
[illegible] [illegible], nunc [illegible] [illegible] : [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fuerunt, aut non Alexandrum
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Cui tam [illegible] montes
[illegible] non [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Ultra
[illegible] Patris [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] quantum magnitudo [illegible] rerum
quod naturam [illegible] [illegible] est Alexander [illegible]
[illegible] est Alexandro [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Quid Alexandro [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] vincere fortunam,
quam [illegible] omnium mortalium in potestate
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a morte [illegible], [illegible]
tempore in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] mortalem [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sunt [illegible]

macedo [illegible] tantos vero [illegible] Alexan-
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ipsum
enim [illegible] ambitiosus furor aliena deulstandi et
[illegible] mittebat. Insana [illegible] [illegible] Colle-
ctum Perdiccam, Lysimachum militandi certum
Seleucum magnanimum [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fortuna
prosecutum odio habuit, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
triis [illegible] [illegible], a quo tulerat ad frangendum
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], et quem [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] excederat [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
amicissimum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] fautor Ptolomaeum [illegible] in
uni certamini [illegible], biduum tantummodo
post [illegible] superstitem aurea corona decoravit.
Consonat [illegible] eiusdem Principis, quam ex
Justino [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] et [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ubi ira exarsisset ne-
[illegible] [illegible] nec modum [illegible] [illegible]
nimis [illegible] unde mos erat [illegible] non in hostes
[illegible] in suos [illegible] [illegible] in hostes [illegible]; quapropter
Amicorum

— [illegible]

Amicorum interitum [illegible] communis frequenter excessus. in animos Regina exerceret metu [illegible], quam animi luxuriae [illegible] [illegible] Germaniae [illegible] contra [illegible] totius operis consummatae, cum operis ingeniosissimus [illegible] [illegible] fundamentis.

(5) [illegible] [illegible] tres [illegible] Persarum [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Primum [illegible] [illegible], qui ann. M. 4673 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Rex Persarum [illegible] Alterum, [illegible] Persarum Rex XLIX [illegible] Monarchiae [illegible] [illegible] Artaxerxes [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a Patre [illegible] contra morem [illegible] [illegible], et [illegible] per [illegible] Rex [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] intercedendi [illegible] consilium [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Artaxerxes [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] matrimonio [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

ademannus [illegible] Artaxerxis [illegible]
[illegible] (a) [illegible] nomine [illegible]
[illegible] autem [illegible] enim [illegible]
[illegible] enim [illegible] Alexandro
Magno [illegible]
[illegible] a Macedone victus, et a
ignatis occisus, vitam pariter cum Persarum
[illegible], eorum tamen est anteaquam
[illegible] deletus, eum totius Orientis
monarchiam tenuisse, et Philippo [illegible]
superbam, contumeliosam, atque [illegible]
[illegible] quod se Persarum Regem, ac consangui=
-neum Deorum jactabat, [illegible] Alexandrum
vero familiam suam [illegible] secundo
[illegible] tem Darii [illegible]
[illegible]
Athenienses

(a) Justin. l. 10. cap. 1.

Atheniensibus aliquanti[illegible] intulerit, tamen
[illegible] impune [illegible] Cypriis, eorumque Regem
Amarthenum [illegible] Primos [illegible]
Darius [illegible] [illegible], quippe, qui
occisis [illegible], per Equi hinnitum [illegible] Septem
notissimorum hominum virtute [illegible] momento
[illegible] Monarchiam [illegible]
inde Babylone, quam Assyrij occupaverant, [illegible]
[illegible] tum [illegible] (b) sagacitatem
[illegible] Asia, et Macedonia [illegible] (c), Jonys
navali proelio superatis, [illegible] Rege
filiam ipsi Dario [illegible]
militibus hominum [illegible], virum clarum
[illegible] Verum [illegible]
[illegible] ex [illegible]
[illegible] intelexime.
[illegible] autem Dionysius post Darium [illegible]
[illegible] non [illegible].

(a) Justin. [illegible] Plut. apopht. ad Traian [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] eandem [illegible] post maximam
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Athe-
nienses [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] et
Plateensibus auxiliaribus milia, [illegible]
sexcenta milia hostium, [illegible] belli. [illegible]
Themistocles [illegible] gloria [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] et [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], Hippiamque tyrannum
Atheniensem auctorem, et [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] multis [illegible], quorum Xerxes
successit in regno, et ante regnum, [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], et [illegible], ut [illegible], [illegible]
sunt, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] maxima [illegible]
cum tyrann[illegible], [illegible] et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] occupatoque totius Insulae
Imperio, ... Graecis [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] gente [illegible]
[illegible] temeritate [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] causa [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] eo [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] gravarer
[illegible] ut [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] civitatem
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] et [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] hominibus [illegible] veru
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] et
[illegible] [illegible] ornamentorum in [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] interesse [illegible] aut
et [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] exul a [illegible]
civitate [illegible] [illegible] proditionem [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] condemnatione [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] a exercituum Dux [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] non [illegible]. Cum autem

*. Val. Max. l. 6 c. 5. Ius. Lipsi 13.

qua [illegible] fuerat in Tyrannide [illegible]tiam Dionysius
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ese immanitate immo
[illegible]itare [illegible] maxime est [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]; [illegible] sic [illegible] [illegible] Pha-
laris defendit a [illegible] [illegible] nos commo-
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] alijs quoque omnibus
[illegible] est [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
nostra [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] facimus, [illegible] [illegible] profi-
temur, [illegible] [illegible] metu [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]vimus [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Bri-
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fortunamus [illegible] ad omnem
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Galliam eandem
annis [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] Romanos
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] aggressus. Britannos,
ignotum antea nomen [illegible] et [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Pompeium [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sub
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Ptolemaeum [illegible].

(a) [illegible] ad [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] eam et [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] et in [illegible] Pater [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] et [illegible]. [illegible] omnia Caesarem [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Lucanus et [illegible] [illegible] aut fortunam, aut in furore stultitia, luxuria et insolentiae Caesaris licentiam exponere. Summi et ipse sibi histori[illegible], et historiarum argumentum.

8) Incendium urbis Romanae muliebre esse uni [illegible] constat. Regis urbis Romanae incendia [illegible] [illegible] fortuna [illegible] [illegible], ut cum Senones Galli [illegible] [illegible] post ipsum cum exercitu Tullium, post in-sidiatos sedentes in curulibus praetextatos senes, faces tectis iniecere, et totam urbem igne ferro manibus solo exaequarunt. Aliquando fortuito, ut tempore belli Syriaci sub Antiocho Rege

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a) Flor. l. 1 c. 13

Refert (a) cum post terræ dies duodequadraginta motum, Incendium à Foro Boario ortum diem, noctemque ædificia in Tiberim versa, tabernasque omnes cum magni pretij mercibus, absumpsit. Aliquando etiam solent suscitari incendium Principum iussu, quo eorum in Cives magnificentia, et munificentia iactata invidiam benevolentia compensaretur, exordium sic sub Tiberio Cæsare bis arsit Roma. semel (b) M. Licinio, et L. Calpurnio Coss. post cladem lapsu Amphiteatri partam, quo casu quinquaginta hominum millia debilitata, vel obtrita sunt. incendio autem adustus est Mons Cælius: cedit autem, ni fallor, Tiberij, qui statim ad Capreas se insulam abdidit, nolentis argumentum, quod cunctis circumflagrantibus sola eius effigies in domo Junij Senatoris inviolata remansit. Rursus in Urbem Q. Plautio, et Sex. Papinio Coss. flamma desæviit, (c) parte Circi quæ.

(a) Liv. dec. 4. l. 5. (b) Tac. Annal. l. 4.
(c) Id. Annal. l. 15.

quæ Aventino proxima est, consumptâ, quod damnum Cæsar ad gloriam vertit exsolutis domuum, et insularum, quæ arserant pretijs. Maximum autem horum illud incendium fuit, quod Nerone Principe (a exortum est in eâ Circi parte, quæ Palatino Cœlioq. montibus contigua est, omnia latè igne populante tum ventis, tum crebris multorum minis restinguere prohibentium, et quia alij palam faces iaciebant, atque esse sibi auctorem vociferabantur, ideo certè Neronis tunc Antij immorantis, qui ipso tempore flagrantis Urbis domesticam scenam inivit, cecinitque Troianum excidium praesentia mala vetustis cladibus assimulando. Quærebat enim Nero condendæ Urbis novæ, et cognomento suo appellandæ argumentum et gloriam

(Cq. Christiani et Iudæi quasi machinatores incendij

(a, Tac. Annal. l. 15.

incendii suspicio affici solent. (Cum vero Nero ab in-
cendii reatu purgare non posset, Christianos reos
subdidit (a). Pereuntibus autem addita ludibria,
aut belluarum pellibus tecti, ut canum laniatibus
interirent, aut cruci fixi, aut flammis absumpti
atque ubi defecisset dies in usum nocturni luminis
iisdem sic illis utebantur. Impio usque specta-
culo adstantes mansuetudinem miserabantur
tanquam non utilitate publica, sed in saevitiam
unius torquerentur, ipse vero Princeps in hortis
Neronianis, ubi miseranda clades exequebatur
habitu aurigae permixtus plebi vel circulo insidens
aderat. Has autem Martyrum Apostolicas
primitias Sanctorum fasti adscribunt ecclesia
(b) eorumque commemorationem quotannis VIII
Kal. Quintilis celebrari iussit.

10. Translator iste quisquis est, cui vo-
luptas inimicissima, et mendacium velamentum

(a) Tac. Annal. L. 15. (b) Martyrol. Rom.

tempori suo destinatus est } Neronem occulte corripit et innuit Seneca, tanquam incendii auctorem cuius tempori suo destinatum prænunciat, ut tandem unum pro multis caput devovcatur, cuius incolumitati servantiæ multa pro uno, et iniquo iustorum capita intericiebant. Nec vocem fefellit euentus, nam prius Silio Nerua, et Attico Vestino Cos. cœpta simul et aucta coniuratio (a) cui certatim nomina dederant Senatores, Eques, miles, fœminæ etiam, cum odio Neronis, tum favore in C. Pisonem. Præcipuorum nomina Subrius Flauius Prætoriæ Cohortis Tribunus Sulpicius Asper Centurio, Lucanus Anneus, Plautius Lateranus Cos. des. Flauius Scæuinus, Afranius Quinctianus Senatores Tullius Senecio, Ceruarius Proculus, Vulcatius Araricus, Iulius Augurinus, Munatius Gratus, Antonius Natalis Martius

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(a) Tac. Annal. l. 15

Martius Festus equites Romani, Granius Silvanus, Statius Proximus tribuni Cohortium Prętoriarum, Maximus Scaurus, Venetus Paullus Centuriones, aliiq. permulti non inferioris auctoritatis. Attamen frustra intentatum facinus, nam Complices detecti, in eosq. et pręcipue in Pisonem morte, aliisq. pęnis animadversum. Verum tandem iniquo Principi extremum fatum incendit inter viam Salariam et Nomentanam, adversis omnibus in męstitiam compositus, et fidem Maurorum quorundam militum invocans, ut eum in Syriâ, aut Ęgypto sisterent orabat, sed Hierarchis abnuentibus precanti, fędè interfectus (a), cuius cadaver insigne oculis, comâ, et torvitate aspectus in Asiam, atque inde Romam pervectum est. Sic tandem Senecâ pręmonente debitas iniquitatis suę pęnas luit scęlestissimus Nero et quidem Divinâ permittente Iustitiâ, verificans illo Agamemnonis ad Menelaum (b) Ets. non

(a) Tac. Hist. L. 2 (b) Hom. Iliad. L. 4

protinus de sontibus supplicium sumat. Celesti tamen posterius sumit; et quidem magno acervo siti.

ii, Centum et quinquaginta domus insulæ quattuor sex diebus arsere, septimus paucum dedit. Desinuit et paulo in sexto die a quo domus Esquilias finem incendio factum prorutis per immensum ædificiis, ut continuæ violentiæ campus et velut vacuum cœlum occurreret. Insularum autem nomine hoc loco intelliguntur domus, quæ ab aliis erant in urbe coniunctæ, et vicos unius includentes, quod ut insulæ sunt in mari, ita undique ambitu viæ, a continenti separatæ, ita domus, nullis ædificiis coherentibus insulæ appellantur. Sic dicitur Tiberius in secundo incendio domuum, et insularum pretia exolvisse et sarciendis ...

<di, Iac Annal. lib.

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... Romae ... ... fuisse

... ... et ... ...] ...

... ... sermo, quem ... verum noxarum,

... antiquo ... ... cum ... ...

... ... anno ... ... autem

... ... nam idem est nomen

... ...

... XIII

Ave mi Paule charissime. Nisi

mihi nominisque meo vir tantus, et

... ... omnibus modis non

... fuerit iunctus, ... necessario

nostro, actum erit de Seneca tuo

... ... sis vertex, et altissi-

morum omnium montium ca-

cumen, nobis latere; ita sim tibi

proximus, ut alter similis tui

Propter haud itaque te indignum
primâ facie epistolarum no-
minandum censeas, ne tamen
tentare me, quam ludere vi-
dearis. Quippe (r) cum scias
Civem esse te Romanum.
Nam qui tuus est apud tuos
locus, velim ut apud me ossit
meus. Vale mi Paule cha-
rissime. Data X Kl. April.
Apronio, et Cappitone Css.

Parenth.

; Cum sis igitur vertex et altissimorum omnium
montium cacumen. Laudatoriâ hac epistolâ
illi a Paulo missæ respondet, quâ dixerat, se te
sed incongruentem rem facere, cum Senecæ in-
ieret, nomenque suum ipsi subscriberet. Hac autem
expositâ sententiâ mysticè significat Seneca
Paulum

Paulum esse omnium, qui Christi fidem prędicant eminentissimum, quod per Sacrę Scripturę formulam exprimitur, in quâ Apl Montium vocabulo prędicantium altitudo demonstratur, ut per Psalmistam dicitur (a) Suscipiant Montes pacem populo. Etenim ipsos Prędicatores (b) ęternę Patrię non immeritò Montes vocantur, quia per vitę suę celsitudinem ima terrenorum deserunt, et cęlo propinqui sunt.

(c) Cum scias quoniam esse te Romanum. Ex eo quod Paulus fuerit Romanus Civis, ut infra dicemus qui inter maximos honores connumerabatur, sed tentari, aut ludi Seneca suspicatur à Paulo, qui modeste dixerat se indignum primâ facie Epistolarum nominandum. Eam autem causam, qua Paulus inter Cives Romanos connumeratus fuerit hanc fuisse comperio. Mos erat Romanis, qui tunc toto ferè terrarum Orbe cognito potiebantur populo, qui obviam sibi cum pace, et coronis processisset munus Civile, nomenque

(a) Ps. 71 (b) S. Gregor. mor. L. 9. c. 2.

Fratris elargiend. Cum ergo Pauli Pater cum Thars. Primoribus, ex quibus unus erat, Romanos Ci=ciam agentes pacifice excepisset, Consulari Togâ decorari, et Romanâ Civitate donari, quod inde et Paulo Filio hæreditario jure contigit memoratum est. Eo quod autem ipse Romanus Civis fuerit, puto, eum a Magistratibus Philippensium, qui Romanis Legibus morem gerebant, capite non fuisse damnatum, sed (a), virgis tantummodo cæsum: Lege etenim Portiâ cautum erat, ne liceret interfici Romanum civem, verum virgis verberari, qua multâ dignitas civium tollebatur, et cæsus redigebatur in servum. Item ut Romanus Civis in Urbe cum omni fiduciâ, et sine prohibitione degere, ut alias dictum, et prædicare valuit, secus nequivisset: Papiâ enim Lege, quæ ab ipso Papia cognominabatur sanxerat, ut peregrini Urbe Româ arceri prohiberentur (31

(a) Act. Ap. c. 16.

(3) Nam qui tuus est apud tuos Locus, uelim, ut apud meos sit meus] Huius sententiæ meminit D. Hieronymus de Senecâ testimonium ferendo aiens, Cum esset Neronis Magister, et illius temporibus potentissimus, optare se dixit eius esse Loci apud suos, cuius sit Paulus apud Christianos.

Seneca Paulo!

Ep. XII.

Aue mi Paule charissime. Si Allegoricè et Ænigmaticè multa à te usquequaque opera conduntur, et ideò rerum tanta uis, et numeri tibi tributi non ornamento uerborum, sed cultu quodam decoranda est. nec uereare quod sæpius te dixisse retineo, multos, qui talia affectent, sensus corrumpere, rerum uirtutes euiscerare. Cæterum mihi concedas, uelim,

latinitati morem gerere, honestis vocibus speciem adhibere, ut generosi muneris concessio, digne a te possit expediri. Bene vale. Data III Non. Jul. (2) Leone, et Sabino Cos.

Parenthesis.

Allegorice et ęnigmatice multa a te obscura inquequam conduntur, et Sapientiam Dei in mysterio (a) quę abscondita est, loquebatur Apostolus, itaque per Spiritum Dei revelatam in nonnullis Pauli Sermonibus cum quędam difficilia intellectu essent, ab indoctioribus instabilibus depravabantur, sicut et cęterę Scripturę (b) ad suam ipsorum perditionem. Seneca vero, qui forte annuente Deo crescebat in gratia et in cognitione Domini Nostri et Salvatoris Jesu Christi, allegorice, et ęnigmatice multa a Paulo componi

(a) 1. Cor. 2. (b) 2. Pet. 3.

componi arcebat et nimium quae in altissimis rebus condebatur, agnoscebat quod posito fundamento Paulus videbat ad Christi perficiendum sequentem dirigit epistolam. Oportebat autem Paulum id aenigmatice nuntiare, quod per speculum in aenigmate videbat, cognoscens ex parte, cogniturus aliquando (a) sicut ipse cognitus erat.

(2) Catone et Sabino coss: — hic profecto non fuit Titius Sabinus, cui Tiberio adulante, qui haudquaquam domui Germanici mitis fuerat, perniciosa fuit ipsius Germanici amicitia. Is quippe turpi fraude circumventus (b) ad Kal. Januarias quantum obducta veste et adstrictis faucibus niti poterat clamitans sic inchoari annum, has Seiano victimas cadere, damnatus tractus est. ~~[illegible]~~. Verum potius Sabinum Flavianum intelligi existimarem qui per Praetorios milites

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(a) 1 Cor 13. (b) Tac Annal. 4.

Othoni faventes. ipsi praefectus est (a) quam curam etiam sub Nerone obtinuerat; quo annuente Dolabella caesus post mortem Othonis (b) is etiam cum Vitellio de pace egit, sed nequicquam. immo in Capitolium pulsus obsidetur; unde Cornelium Martialem ad Vitellium misit ejus rei conquestum frustra tamen: nam Capitolium oppugnatur, admoto igne. ablatus tanto periculo Sabinus a Vitellianis captus est (c) et oneratus catenis, confossus, laceratus fuit et abscisso capite truncum corpus in Gemonias trahitur ubi non multo post Vitellius etiam prostratus jacuit. Sed adverte me supra dixisse Annum Flavianum intelligi existimarem, dubie videlicet; ne enim attentius digesta sub C. Dom. Neron. in imperio neminem reperi Sabini, aut Catonis nomine Consulatum gessisse.

Dicerem

(a) Tac. Hist. l. 1. (b) Id. Hist. l. 2. (c) Hist. l. 3.

Dicerem ego mendam inualuisse nempè pro Saturnino, Sabinum; pro Capione Catonem. Non enim Sabinus cum Catone ut legitur, sed Q. Volusius Saturninus et P. Cepio Consules fuere sub eiusdem Neronis imperio ann. ab. V. C. 808. Exinde suboritur dubium, nempè Epistolas Enarratas temporum spatio confusas esse, nam earum decima anno Urbis 810, in quem cadit Neronis cum Messalâ consulatus scripta est: Undecima, et duodecima ann. V. 811, quo Consules fuere Aproniamus, et Capito; haec tandem Epistola et postrema (si recte inspexi) ut dictum ann. 808. Quod tamen non implicat, nam de re ualde familiari, et non continuâ agitur.

Paulus Senecae S.

Epist. XIV

Perpendenti tibi ea sunt reuelata, quae paucis diuinitas concessit. Certis

Certis igitur ego (1) in agro fertili
semen fortissimum Dei, non qui-
dem materiam, quę corrumpi videtur,
(2) sed verbum stabile Dei, deriva-
mentum crescentis et manentis
in ęternum, (3) quod prudentia-
tua assecuta est, indeficiens
fore debebit, (4) Ethnicorum,
Israelitarumque observationes
censere vitandas. (5) Novam
te authorem feceris Christi Jesu
pręconiis ostendendo Theore-
ticis (6) irreprehensibilem
sophiam, quam prosemodum
adeptus (7) Dei temporum eius
domesticis atque fidis amicis,
insinuabis, quibus aspera et
incapabilis erit persuasio cum

plerique

plerique eorum minimè flectantur
insinuationibus tuis, quibus vitale
commodum sermo Dei institutus
novum hominem sinè corruptelâ
ferit ad Deum isthinc properantem
Vale, Seneca charissime nobis.
Data Kl. Aug. Catone, et Sabino
Cos.

Parenthesis.

Si in agro fertili semen fortissimum sero, Verbum
Dei videlicet in animâ Senecæ, quo alluditur ad
Evangelicam illam parabolam (a) quam Christus
proposuit dicens, aliud semen cecidisse in terram
bonam, et ortum centuplum fructum fecisse,
qua similitudine ij designantur, qui in corde
bono, et optimo audientes verbum retinent et
fructum afferunt in patientiâ, auditos servando
iuxta illud Davidicum (b) In corde

(a) Luc. 8 (b) Ps. 118.

meo abscondi eloquia, ut non peccem tibi opera recta producentes, bona ita adimplendo ut Jacobus dicit (a). Estote factores Verbi, non auditores tantum fallentes vosmetipsos. Nomine autem seminis non infrequenter in sacro eloquio Verbum Dei, seu Evangelicae doctrinae praedicatio significatur; haec est enim seminatio spiritualis de qua in Osea legitur (b). Seminate vobis in iustitia, et metite in ore misericordiae. Et in Jeremia (c) Novate vobis novale, et nolite serere super spinas. Et quod Apostolus dixit (d): Qui seminat in benedictionibus de benedictionibus et metet.

(2) Verbum stabile Dei, quod (e) nunquam excidit, dicitur: Exiccatum est enim foenum, seu populus, verbum autem Domini nostri manet in aeternum, ut ait Isaias (f), et Veritas ipsa dixit (g) Caelum, et terra transibunt

(a) Jac. cap. 1. (b) Osee 10. (c) Jerem. 4. (d) 2. Cor. 9.
(e) 1. Cor. 14 (f) Is. 40 (g) Mat. 24 Marc. 13. Luc. 21

transibunt,
verba autem mea non prÆteribunt. quem Docto-
rem summum Jacobus secutus, docuit (a) Verbum
Domini manet in Æternum, hoc est autem
Verbum, quod euangelizatum est in nos.

(b) Quod prudentia tua assecuta est]
Prudentia tua assecuta est; non assecutura.
Quidni sentiam Christianum fateri non aude=
bimus.

(c) Ethnicorum, Israelitarumq observationes
censere vitamus] Mores videlicet ipsorum, qui
a Christiana Lege discedebant nefas esse imitari.
Ipsum praeceptum Moysi, populo ab Egyptia
captivitate soluto indixerat. Deus (b) Iuxta con=
suetudinem terrÆ Egypti, in qua habitastis,
non facietis, et iuxta morem Regionis Chanaan
ad quam ego introducturus sum vos, non agetis,
nec in legitimis eorum ambulabitis, et in alio

(a) ep. i. (b) Leuitic. c. 18

loco (a) Custodite leges meas atque iudicia et facite ea. ne et vos evomat terra, quam intraturi estis, et habitaturi; Nolite ambulare in legitimis nationum, quas ego expulsurus sum ante vos; idemq. prędictum ore Prophetico divulgatum est (b): Hęc dicit Dominus. Iuxta vias Gentium nolite discere, et a signis cęli nolite metuere, quę timent Gentes.

(5) Nonum te authorem feceris illius sibi prędonijs] Cum Senecam Apostolus ad Christi veritatem promulgandam, quę vera est, et irreprehensibilis Logia hortetur utiq. haud multum ab ea doctrina dissentit de qua Timotheum docuerat, dicens (c). Sollicite cura teipsum probabilem exhibere Deo, operarium inconfusibilem, recte tractantem verbum veritatis &.

(6) irreprehensibilem sophiam] sapientiam

(a) Le. c. 20 (b) Ierem. 10 (c) 2. Tim. 2.

Sapientiam Divinam videlicet, quam audientes dicent (a) en populus sapiens, et intelligens, gens magna: Eam sapientiam, quæ (b) clara est, et nunquam marcescit, et facile videtur ab his, qui diligunt eam, et invenitur ab his, qui quærunt (c) eam; cui thesaurum comparatum (d) arena exigua est, et tanquam lutum æstimabitur argentum in conspectu illius: quacum omnia bona veniunt, et participatio amicitiæ Dei; eam quæ a hominum (e) sapientissimo digno commendata est elogio (d): Sapientiam Dei quam Salvator ait (e): Ego dabo vobis os et sapientiam cui non poterunt resistere omnes adversarii vestri; et Gentium Prædicator (f): O altitudo divitiarum sapientiæ et scientiæ Dei, et alibi (g) loquimur Dei sapientiam in mysterio

(a) Deut. c. 4 (b) Sap. c. 6 (c) Sap. c. 7 (d) Sap. cap. 8, 9, 10, 11 Eccli. 1 (e) Luc. 21 (f) Rom. 11 (g) 1 Cor. 2.

quæ abscondita est, quam prædestinavit Deus ante sæcula in gloriam nostram, quam nemo Principum hujus sæculi cognovit: si enim cognovissent, nunquam Dominum gloriæ crucifixissent; de qua etiam Jacobus (a). quæ desursum est sapientia primum quidem pudica est, deinde pacifica, modesta, suadibilis bonis consentiens, plena misericordia, et fructibus bonis, non judicans, sine simulatione. Eam sapientiam divinæ sapientiæ participationem (b), quæ Deus est, donum scilicet Sancti Spus speculativum (c) principaliter secundario practicum, excellentissimum inter septem Sp. Paracleti charismata, qua altissimam causam contemplantes, et ab effectibus atque a posteriori, ut aiunt Philosophi cognitam, aliis etiam rudioribus, ut Senecæ

Paulus

(a) c. 3. (b) S. Th. 2. 2. q. 23. a. 2. ad 1. (c) Id. 1. 2. q. 68. a. 7.
q. 64. a. 1. (d) Id. 1. 2. q 66. a 7.

Paulus suadet mutua qua par est, charitate proximis intellectui fideliter promonstramus. Eam denique cœlestem sapientiam, quæ nonnisi à Divinâ sapientiâ rectè expolidari potest.

(7. Regi temporali ejusque domesticis, atque fidis amicis insinuatis) Neroni videlicet et eius, qui sueverant intimis, è quorum numero Paulus, ut dictum est, Torpetem Poppeamque Sabinam ad Christum converterat.

Ex hac extremâ exhortatione Pauli ad Senecam colligitur, hanc Epistolam, ut dixi (a) antè undecimam scriptam esse, in hac enim Seneca familiaris Neroni designatur in illâ non item; porrò post incendium Urbis, ut notatum est (b) Seneca in rusticam solitudinem secessit, et indè venis sectis, Mortem, quam iniustè subijt, Neroni debuit.

Hanc interim dissentibus pendeant animis

(a) Parent. 2 ad Ep. 13 (b) Parent. 1 ad Ep. 11.

postremam Pauli Epistolam, qui incautâ nimis censurâ Apostolum in antescriptis literis componendis ut parum Christianæ sententiæ incusant, vel ut hoc insani commentis ipsas in dubium revocent, vel ut peregrinæ eruditionis studia jactent. Proh Deum, hominumque Fidem! Tam facili negotio in Doctorum culmina, Hieronymum, et Augustinum insurgitur! Annè te-ebrise potuit persuaserit Aliùs conjecturam modicus libellus, quem à genuinâ, rectâque interpretatione, quæ ab Ecclesiâ Catholicâ Dei ipsius doctrinæ credita fuerant, sacra omnia Biblia, et immensæ fermè difficultatis Volumina deducere vel hilum haud potuere? An non collimaset falsitatem Epistolarum hujusmodi ab usitatâ Apostolicâ dicendi formulâ aliquantum distantes, qui Laodicenses ejusdem Pauli Epistolas

Licet

licet
in sensuum, et dicendi proprietate reliquis ad Sanc-
tates, et Dicta illis minus consonarent explosit?
Quid ergo? Nemo sibi multum fidat, nemo meliorum
fidei derogat; stat enim valde consentaneum
illud monitum: Non plus sapere, quam oportet
sapere, sed sapere ad sobrietatem. Errorem
hujusmodi per Apologeticam Dissertationem pur-
gandum susciperem, et melioris notae Scriptorum
auctoritate, bonaque fide, addita temporis quae
multum valet firmitate, purgarem; Verum
cum hoc in praesentiarum ad me nihil attineat,
neque mei argumenti institutum tangat, non
semper et ubique tacendum, taceo. Hanc, si
libet alii provinciam incedant; ego, quamquam
obstrictior voce huius saeculi, Ecclesiasticis
Doctoribus meos humiliter calamo subjicio.
Interea quaecumque scripsi, Deo scripta sunto.

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